

owed his victory to his superior generalship and to the skill with which he timed a surprise attack of five thousand of his men upon the rear of the enemy. Yet we may be certain that he would not have consented to treat with Licinius for peace had he not had considerable cause for anxiety about the final issue of the campaign. However, his two victories, while not sufficiently decisive to enable him to dictate any terms he chose, at least gave him the authoritative word in the negotiations which ensued,, and sealed the doom of the unfortunate Valens, whom Licinius had just appointed Gusar. When Licinius's envoy spoke of his two imperial masters, Licinius and Valens, Constantine retorted that he recognised but one, and bluntly stated that he had not endured tedious marches and won a succession of victories, only to share the pri/e with a contemptible slave, Licinius sacrificed his lieu* tenant without compunction and consented to hand over to Constantine Illyria and its legions, with the important provinces of Pannonia, Dalmatia, Mocsia, and Dacia. The only foothold left him on the Continent of Europe, out of all that had previously been included in the eastern half of the Empire, was the province of Thrace,

At the same time, the two Emperors agreed to elevate their sons to the rank of Cottar. Constantine bestowed the dignity upon Crispus, the son of his first marriage with Minervina, Crispus was now In the promise of early manhood, and had proved his valour, and won hLs spurn in the recent campaign* Licinius gave the title to his son IJcmlanus, an infant